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**Subject: NOVEMBER 18 WEEKLY UPDATE ON CURTAILMENT STATUS OF WATER RIGHTS AND CLAIMS IN THE DELTA WATERSHED – REIMPOSITION OF CURTAILMENTS ON SOME TRIBUTARIES**

**This email contains important information about the curtailment status of water rights and claims of right within the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta (Delta) watershed** pursuant to orders that were issued on August 20, 2021 ([Order for water rights/claims under 5,000 acre-feet](#) and [Order for water rights/claims over 5,000 acre-feet](#)).

Based on recent water supply forecasts, **curtailment statuses have been updated to reimpose curtailments in some subwatersheds starting Friday, November 19, 2021**. Supply forecasts will continue to be evaluated regularly to determine if further reimpositions of curtailments or suspension of current curtailments are appropriate, and updates will continue to be provided by email and web posting at least weekly. Please check the [Delta Watershed Curtailment Status List](#) for the current curtailment status of each water right and claim in the Delta watershed.

The following priorities of water rights and claims are **curtailed effective tomorrow, November 19, 2021**, unless and until the State Water Board advises that this determination has been updated:

1. Water rights and claims on the following [San Joaquin River](#) tributaries:
  - All post-1914 appropriative water rights, pre-1914 appropriative water right claims, and riparian water right claims in the [Chowchilla River](#) subwatershed;
  - All post-1914 appropriative water rights, pre-1914 appropriative water right claims, and riparian water right claims in the [Fresno River](#) subwatershed; and
  - Three post-1914 appropriative water rights associated with the Central Valley Project in the [Upper San Joaquin River](#) subwatershed.
2. Water rights and claims on the following [Sacramento River](#) tributaries:
  - Post-1914 appropriative water rights in the [Putah Creek](#) subwatershed with a priority date of 1945 or later.

Available water supplies as a result of runoff from recent precipitation events have started to decline, resulting in the reimposition of curtailments. The decision to reimpose curtailments is based on the revised [Water Unavailability Methodology for the Delta Watershed](#), dated November 15, 2021, together with consideration of water supply forecasts from the California Nevada River Forecast Center (CNRFC) that were updated on November 18, 2021. The 50% exceedance water supply forecast was selected to determine curtailments at this time, which will be reassessed next week (or earlier if appropriate) based on daily water supply observations and updated forecasts. Demand data informing curtailments continue to be based on reported diversions from 2018. Projected demand data received through Enhanced Reporting Forms are being assessed to determine their potential use for informing future curtailments.

For more information about drought in the Delta watershed, please visit the [Delta Drought webpage](#). For more information about curtailment compliance and responses to the August 20 Orders, please visit the [Curtailment Compliance and Responses webpage](#). The Curtailment Compliance and Responses tracker is updated every Friday and can be filtered to see the latest delinquencies. If you

have any questions, you may send an email to [Bay-Delta@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Bay-Delta@waterboards.ca.gov) or call the Delta Drought phone line at (916) 319-0960.